



KINLAW





## THE KINLAW OF THE KIBBO KIFT KINDRED.

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### 1. OBJECTIVE.

To achieve World Unity by training individuals for World Service.

To further this object each member covenants as follows:-

I ..... undertake to the best of my ability

1. To maintain a healthy body, to camp out and do some work with the hands;
2. To acquire and maintain a cultivated mind by study of the evolution of scientific, artistic, social, religious and philosophical ideas;
3. To create the conditions essential to World Citizenship by helping
  - i. To counteract the ill effects of industrialism and overcrowding in towns and cities by giving the rising generation the opportunity of a full education (in which Camp Life is an important factor), by establishing Woodcraft Groups, Camp Schools, Open Air Schools, Holiday Camps, Local Camping Grounds, Land Reservations, and Open Spaces for camp training and Nature-craft.
  - ii. By such steps to inculcate in the child, firstly, reverence for the body; secondly, mental balance; thirdly, a new and vitalized spiritual perception by service for others as a practical expression of worship of the Great Spirit.
  - iii. To foster and encourage through the formation of Craft Training Groups for senior boys and girls all kinds of useful handicrafts and industries, and to advocate the formation of Craft Guilds.  
To re-organize industry efficiently on a non-competitive basis; to secure healthy conditions of work in all processes of production and distribution, and to establish co-operative workshops outside the great industrial centres; for which purpose the electrification of the whole country is urged.
  - iv. To promote such social conditions that men and women who have been trained upon woodcraft lines will establish Family Groups, in order that the children of such marriages shall have a heritage of health which they may guard and pass on.



- v. The formation of local woodcraft assemblies, or Folk Moots of the Kindred, to work for the common weal of their own locality, making the assembly or moot a centre of local activity by acting as Guardians of Open-Air Schools or School Camps; by procuring and preserving Local Camping Grounds; by organizing local sports, festivals, and ceremonies, and by the general development of their district towards health in body, mind, and spirit.
- vi. To show that synchronized international disarmament is possible as soon as local, national, and international commercial and political relationships are conducted in a spirit of common brotherhood; to further this we recommend a revised system of teaching world history.
- vii. To bring about-
  - (a) An international educational policy, based on the foregoing proposals.
  - (b) International freedom of trade, with sea-ways, air-ways, and land-ways open to all.
  - (c) An international currency system, and the stabilization of the purchasing power of money in all countries.
  - (d) The abolition of secret treaties; secret diplomacy to be replaced by open negotiations.
  - (e) The establishment of a World Council, including every civilized and primitive nation or race.

## 2. KINSHIP.

Membership of the Kibbo Kift Kindred is open to both sexes and all ages but members are grouped in the following grades:-

1. a. Children until the age of 14 years, who must be members of a Clan or Rooftree.
- b. Young people between the ages of 14 and 18 years, and adults who have been admitted to Kinship for less than one year, or who have not attended an Althing.
2. a. Young people between the ages of 14 and 18 years, who have carried out tests decreed by the Kin Council.
- b. Adults who have been admitted to Kinship for upwards of one year, have attended an Althing and have carried out tests decreed by the Kin Council.  
The Kin Council may in its discretion dispense attendance at an Al-Thing.
3. Adults who perform special service for World Unity and have been accorded this grade by the Kin Council.

Note: For the purpose of the Kinlaw an adult is a person of 18 years of age. Kinsfolk are organised as follows:-



1. Lone Kinsman:- A man, woman, boy or girl over 14 not belonging to a group.
2. Clan:- Not less than 4 nor more than 8 boys and/or girls under 18 years.
3. Tribe:- Two or more clans under the leadership of an Adult Kinsman.
4. Lodge:- A group of not less than 4 Adult Kinsfolk.
5. Roof-Tree:- A family all the members of which are K.K.
6. Thing:- All Kinsfolk living within a topographical area of which the boundaries are regulated by the Kin Council and those Kinsfolk living outside it who may be admitted to the Thing by special dispensation of the Thing Council. The affairs of each Thing shall be regulated by the provisions of Annex 2. Subject to the authority of the Kin Council as laid down in the Kinlaw the Thing Council has control of the affairs of the Thing.

The sanction of the Kin Council must be obtained to the formation of a Clan, Tribe, Lodge, Roof-Tree or Thing in accordance with the provisions of Annex 4.

### 3. Admission of Kinsfolk.

Every candidate for membership of 18 years of age and upwards living outside a Thing shall fill in and sign the form set out in Annex I, obtain the signature of at least one Kinsman of Grade III and one other Kinsman thereto and forward same together with a signed copy of the Covenant to the Chief Scribe who shall lay the application before the Kin Council. Where the candidate lives within the boundaries of a Thing the application shall be sent to the Head Man who shall sign and forward it to the Chief Scribe with his recommendation as to the election of the candidate. The Kin Council shall decide the election of the candidate by ballot if necessary and may make his election conditional upon passing tests to the satisfaction of the Head Man.

Every candidate under eighteen years of age shall write in his own hand the Declaration set out in Annex II. Children under 14 not belonging to a Roof-Tree must join a clan and hand the Declaration to the Clan or Tribal Chief. Young people between 14 and 18 may

(a) Join a Clan in the same way, or

(b) if living in or near a Thing send the Declaration to the Local Headman.



- (c) if not, send the Declaration to the Chief Scribe of the Kindred.

Every Adult Kinsman on his election shall receive a pair of shoulder tabs, a copy of the Kin Law, ~~and on passing into Grade II~~ an embroidered Mark and a bronze token of the Mark.

#### 4. RESIGNATION AND EXPULSION OF KINSFOLK.

Any Kinsman intending to withdraw from the Kindred shall signify his intention to do so in writing to the Chief Scribe before the Al-Thing otherwise he shall pay his dues for the period until the next ensuing Al-Thing whether he take part in the affairs of the Kindred or not. Notice of resignation cannot be withdrawn after it has been received by the Chief Scribe.

No motion to remove or expel any Kinsman over 14 years of age shall be brought forward except on the written requisition of two Members of the Kin Council specifying the charge against such Kinsman.

It shall be in the power of the Kin Council, after giving full opportunity to the Kinsman reported against to deny or explain the charge, to expel or remove such Kinsman whenever it is satisfied that his character or conduct (whether political or social, within or without the Kindred) is inconsistent with the objects and well-being of the Kindred, or injurious to the interests of the Kindred, provided that no resolution for the expulsion or removal of a Kinsman shall be valid unless passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members of the Kin Council present and voting at a meeting at which not less than three-fourths of the members of the Kin Council are present.

Children under fourteen years shall be expelled from the Clan or Tribe in accordance with the tradition of the Clan or Tribe, but this expulsion shall be notified to the Chief Scribe, and it shall be in the discretion of the Kin Council to re-admit the expelled member to Kinship on his subsequent application.

Any Kinsman ceasing to be a member of the Kindred in accordance with the provisions of this section of the Kinlaw shall forfeit all rights in and claims upon the Kindred, its property and funds.

#### 5. ADVISORY COUNCIL.

The Advisory Council shall consist of such persons of public eminence as the Kin Council shall invite, but they shall not be members of the Kindred unless duly elected in accordance with section 3 of the Kinlaw.

#### 6. SUPPORTERS.

Persons who are unable to undertake the obligations of Kinship may become supporters and may use such sign or token as the Kin Council



shall approve. Supporters contribute material help to the work of the Kindred and undertake to help all Kinsmen everywhere but are not members of the Kindred. Names of Supporters who fail to carry out their undertaking shall be struck off the List of Supporters by the Kin Council.

#### 7. THE HEAD MAN AND KIN COUNCIL.

The Kindred shall be governed in accordance with the Kin Law by the Kin Council which shall consist of the following:-

1. Head Man.
2. Deputy Head Man.
3. Chief Scribe.
4. Chief Tallykeeper.
5. Headmen of Local Things.
6. Chief Ritesmaster.
7. Chief Campswarden.
8. Redesman.
9. Gleemaster.

The Head Man shall be elected every three years at the Al-Thing.

The Deputy Head Man, Chief Scribe and Chief Tallykeeper shall be elected every year at the Al-Thing.

Nominations for these offices must be received by the Chief Scribe not less than one month before the Al-Thing and shall be signed by two Kinsmen and accompanied by an intimation in writing signed by the Kinsman nominated that he is willing to serve and in the case of the Deputy Head Man the approval of the Head Man must be obtained to the nomination. Should one of these offices become vacant by death or otherwise during the Bearer's term of office the Kin Council may appoint a substitute who shall act until the next ensuing Al-Thing.

Headmen of local Things shall be elected by the Things-folk in accordance with the provisions of Annex 2 and must be members of Grade III.

The Head Man and local Headman may not be elected or appointed to any of the other offices of the Council provided that with the sanction of the Al-Thing the Deputy Head Man may hold another office on the Kin Council.

The last four Office Bearers shall be appointed and removed from time to time by resolution of a quorum of the other members of the Kin Council.

The Kin Council shall meet whenever summoned by the Head Man or the Deputy Head Man or by any two Office Bearers.

The quorum of the Kin Council shall be half the number of Office



Bearers except for the purposes of section 4 of the Kinlaw when it shall be three-fourths of the number of Office Bearers.

Minutes of all resolutions and proceedings of the Kin Council shall be kept in a book provided for the purpose, and minutes if signed by the Head Man or Deputy Head Man shall be conclusive evidence of the facts therein stated.

A written resolution of the Kin Council signed by the Head Man, Chief Scribe and Office Bearers to the number of the quorum except for the purposes of section 4 of the Kinlaw shall have the same effect as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Kin Council.

The Kin Council shall be the sole authority as to the interpretation of the Kinlaw but for this purpose the quorum shall include the Redesman.

The Kin Council shall have power to make and issue Decrees with regard to the various activities of the Kindred as they may think fit and to vary such Decrees from time to time.

The Head Man may appoint individual Kinsfolk to perform tasks specified in his written mandate. Such Kinsfolk shall have the power and authority to carry out the task named in the mandate. A record of all mandates and their accomplishment shall be kept by the Chief Scribe. At the end of his task the Kinsman shall return the mandate to the Head Man.

Office Bearers other than the Head Man and local Headmen, may, subject to the approval of the Head Man, appoint assistants to carry out specified work for stated periods, and may confer titles appropriate upon such assistants. Any Office Bearer appointing an assistant shall be responsible for the work of the assistant but such assistant may not attend meetings of the Kin Council or take part in any decisions thereof.

Should the Head Man die or relinquish his duties or become incapable of acting during his term of office, the Deputy Head Man shall perform his duties until the next Al-Thing when a new Head Man shall be elected.

Should there be no Deputy Head Man at the time, the Kin Council shall appoint a Head Man pro tem to act until the next Al-Thing.

### 3. THE GOODS OF THE KINDRED.

Property in the goods of the Kindred shall be vested in the Head Man and the Chief Tally Keeper as Trustees. On resignation or removal from office these Office Bearers shall do all acts and deeds necessary effectually to vest such property in their successors in office.



## 9. AL-THING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Kindred is called the Al-Thing and shall be held at Whitsuntide in each year. It shall be opened and closed with ceremonies symbolising the objects and activities of the Kindred.

The Kin Council shall appoint a Mote Master who shall direct the business proceedings of Al-Thing. Only adult Kinsmen of Grades II and III may take part in the business of Al-Thing and vote. Kinsfolk under the age of 18 years or of Grade I may take part in the ceremonies, and may at the discretion of the Mote Master watch the business proceedings. The Chief Scribe shall cause a record to be made of the business proceedings of Al-Thing in a book to be provided for the purpose.

The business of Al-Thing shall be:-

1. To receive from the Kin Council a report on the general condition and progress of the Kindred during the preceding year.
2. To receive from the Chief Tallykeeper and approve an abstract of the accounts for the preceding year which shall previously be audited by two competent Kinsmen.
3. To elect Office Bearers in accordance with section 7 of the Kinlaw. Canvassing for votes shall invalidate the election of any Office Bearer.
4. To deal with any other business laid before it of which 28 days notice has been given to the Chief Scribe. Should such business not appear on the Agenda the Mote Master may lay it before the Al-Thing if requested so to do in writing by not less than one-tenth of the Kinsmen of Grades II and III present at the Al-Thing.

The Kin Council shall summon a special meeting of the Kindred within forty days of receiving a requisition stating the object of such meeting and signed by not less than one-tenth of the adult membership of Grade II and Grade III as at the preceding Al-Thing. For this purpose any Kinsman of Grade II or Grade III may inspect the Great Roll and circularise the Kindred at his own expense. If the Kin Council fail to summon such special meeting the requisitionists may do so.

The Kin Council may summon a special meeting of the Kindred if there be matters, such as the outbreak of war, in their judgment of sufficient urgency to warrant the summons.

## 10. DUES.

Candidates for Kinship of 18 years of age and upwards shall pay an entrance fee of Five Shillings.



Kinsfolk under the age of 18 shall pay the sum of One Shilling, and adult Kinsfolk shall pay the sum of Five Shillings and Sixpence annually to the Chief Tallykeeper or as he shall direct at or before the Al-Thing. Members of local Things must pay their Dues through the local Thing, and in addition the Local Thing may vote such dues as it requires for its own purposes to be paid by each adult Kinsman to the local Tallykeeper.

If the annual dues be not received by the Chief Tallykeeper by the following Easter the Kinsman in default shall cease to be a Member of the Kindred. The Kin Council may at any subsequent time reinstate such defaulter in their absolute discretion.

The payment of annual dues shall be taken as conclusive proof of assent to the Kinlaw and decrees of the Kin Council for the time being in force among the Kindred.

#### 11. BROAD SHEET.

Decrees of the Kin Council and a report of each Al-thing or other Special Meeting shall be published in a Broad Sheet of which one copy shall be sent each month post free to every adult Kinsman. Further copies shall be charged for.

#### 12. NOTICES.

Each adult Kinsman shall cause the Chief Scribe to be notified of any change in his permanent address and all notices sent or posted to such address shall be deemed to have been received by such Kinsman by the time such notice would reach that address in the ordinary course of the post.

#### 13. COPIES OF THE KINLAW AND AMENDMENTS.

The Kinlaw shall be printed and a copy delivered to every adult Kinsman on his admission.

Present Kinsfolk may obtain copies at the price of .....

The amount of the annual dues may be altered by resolution of the Al-Thing passed by a simple majority. Any other alteration to the Kinlaw must be sanctioned by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting on the proposed alteration.



ANNEX I.

FORM OF APPLICATION for membership of the

KIBBO KIFT KINDRED.

To the Chief Scribe, Greetings.

I desire to become a Kinsman of the Kibbo Kift. I enclose a signed covenant. Hereunder are my answers to the following questions:-

1. How did you first get into touch with the Kibbo Kift? .....
2. What Kinsmen have you met personally? (Give names) .....
3. Have you attended any Kibbo Kift Camp, gathering, or assembly?  
If so state when and where .....
4. Which Kibbo Kift activities particularly interest you? .....
5. Which clauses of the Covenant particularly interest you? .....
6. Do you hesitate to agree with any points of the Covenant? .....
7. Are you physically fit? .....
8. What is your age? .....
9. What is your nationality and/or race? .....
10. What camping experiences have you had? .....
11. Are you a member of any camping, scouting or similar  
organisation? (If so state which) .....
12. Have you travelled abroad? .....



13. Have you any special means of transport? (Such as a cycle, motor cycle, car etc.)\_\_\_\_\_
14. What books have you read relating to the "open air", camping, woodcraft, etc?\_\_\_\_\_
15. Are you a supporter of any political party? (If so, state which)\_\_\_\_\_
16. Are you a member of any religious body? (If so state which)\_\_\_\_\_
17. Are you a member of a mystic or hermetic society?\_\_\_\_\_
18. What is your profession or trade?\_\_\_\_\_
19. Are you skilled in any particular handicraft?\_\_\_\_\_
20. Are you interested in any particular branch of Art, Science or Religion?\_\_\_\_\_
21. Have you a knowledge of any foreign or international languages? (If so, state which)\_\_\_\_\_
22. Are you qualified to give instruction in, or lecture on, any special subject?\_\_\_\_\_
23. Have you any experience in the training of children?\_\_\_\_\_
24. Are you qualified to conduct any kind of research work?\_\_\_\_\_
25. Is there any matter relating to Kibbo Kift which you wish to question?\_\_\_\_\_

In the event of my application for admission to Kibbo Kift being accepted, I undertake to:-

- a. Obtain correct K.K. Costume, and wear it when engaged on the work of the Kindred;



- b. Obtain a light-weight camping outfit, and endeavour to become a proficient camper;
- c. Make my best efforts to attend the Al-Thing (annual camp meeting) of the Kindred every year;
- d. Abide by the Kinlaw, and carry out the instructions, of the Kin Council, and of my Local Headman (if any) so long as I am a Kinsman.

(Signed).....

(Address).....

(Date).....

Witnessed by  
Kinsman (Grade III.)

Covenant No.

Witnessed by  
Kinsman

Covenant No.



ANNEX II.THE CANON OF THING1. THE NAME OF THE THING

The name of the Thing shall be \_\_\_\_\_ thing

2. THE BOUNDARIES OF THE THING

The boundaries of \_\_\_\_\_ thing shall be

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE THING

All members of the Kibbo Kift Kindred now dwelling, or hereafter coming to dwell, within the boundaries of

\_\_\_\_\_ thing shall be members of the Thing.

No Kinsman dwelling without the boundaries shall be a member of the Thing without a Special Dispensation granted to him by the Thingsfolk in Mote assembled. Such Dispensation shall only be granted to Kinsmen dwelling close to the boundaries of the Thing, but outside the area of any other Thing, and shall be void on the formation of a Thing for the district wherein he dwells.

4. MEETINGS OF THE THING(i) ASSEMBLIES

An Assembly is a general meeting of the members of the Thing in Camp or elsewhere.

An Assembly shall be convened, whenever necessary, by the Headman.

Attendance at an Assembly is optional on the part of Thingsfolk.

The Scribe shall give fourteen days notice of an Assembly to all Thingsfolk.

Members of the Kindred who are not members of the Thing, and other visitors, may, with the approval of the Headman, be invited by Thingsfolk to attend an Assembly.



(ii) NOTES.

A business meeting of the Thing shall be called a Mote, and shall, if possible, be held during the course of a general Assembly of the Thingsfolk.

Four regular Motes shall be held at equal intervals, during the course of the year. The chief of these, whereat the Headman and Thing Council shall be elected, shall be held one month before the Al-Thing of the Kindred and shall be called the Mote of Elections.

An Extraordinary Mote shall be called at any time by the Headman on the petition of one tenth of the adult Thingsfolk.

It shall be obligatory upon all members of the Thing, of eighteen or more years of age to attend a Mote. No Thingsman under that age shall ordinarily participate in a Mote, but in the case of a Tribe or Clan in which all the members are under that age the Leader shall be permitted to attend and shall be accorded the status of an Adult Thingsman. The Elected Head Man of Kibbo Kift shall, by virtue of his Office, be privileged to attend and participate in a Mote. Kinsfolk who are not members of the Thing, and other visitors, may be invited by Thingsfolk, with the consent of the Headman, to attend a Mote, but shall not vote, and shall only address the meeting at the invitation of the assembled Thingsfolk, expressed through the Headman.

The Scribe shall give at least fourteen days notice of a Mote to all Thingsfolk entitled to attend. A Thingsman unable to be present at a Mote shall give at least three days notice in writing to the Scribe of his inability to attend.

Any Thingsman absenting himself from four consecutive Motes without giving the notice required by Article 3 (ii) shall be named to the Kin Council.

A Thingsman wishing to bring any matter before the Thingsfolk in Mote assembled shall give seven days written notice thereof to the Scribe.

Each adult Thingsman attending a Mote shall have one vote.

Questions shall be decided at a Mote by a simple majority of Thingsmen voting personally except as otherwise provided in this Canon.

No Mote shall be valid unless attended by at least one fourth of the eligible Thingsfolk.

The Method of conducting a Mote shall be ceremonial except when the Mote is held indoors.



## 5. THE CEREMONIES OF THE THING

The rites and ceremonies to be performed at the Motes of the Thing shall be set forth in the Original Books of Ritual, each of which shall bear the imprimatur of the Chief Ritesmaster as a sign of their having received his approval.

The Headman of the Thing shall be entrusted with the care of the Original Books, and shall arrange for the circulation of authorised copies amongst the Thingsfolk.

No transcripts of Rituals shall be made without the authority of the Headman.

No formal rites or ceremonies shall be conducted at the Motes other than those set forth in the approval Books of Ritual.

## 6. THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE THING

The Administration of the Thing shall consist of the Headman and Thing Council.

### (i) THE HEADMAN

The Headman shall be elected annually by the assembled Thingsfolk at the Mote of Elections from among the Kinsmen of Grade II or III.

The Headman shall be directly responsible to the Thingsfolk for the good conduct of his Office. Should he fail to carry out his duties satisfactorily, the Thingsfolk, in Mote assembled, shall conduct an enquiry, and, should they deem it necessary, declare the Office of Headman vacant, and immediately elect another eligible Thingsman thereto provided that the Headman shall not be deposed unless a majority of two-thirds of the entire adult membership of the Thing, voting personally, so decide.

### (ii) THE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE HEADMAN

The Headman shall act as the supreme custodian of Kibbo Kiri and shall make every effort to secure the realisation of the objective of the Kinlaw within the boundaries of the Thing.

He shall be invested with full powers to act on behalf of the Thing in so far as matters of minor import are concerned, but when any vital questions are involved he shall obtain the opinion of the Thingsfolk, in Mote assembled, before taking action.

He shall arrange that the four regular Motes are



held during the year, and shall supply the Scribe with the necessary mandates for calling same.

He shall, in the event of his temporary absence from the district, or during any enforced inability to attend to the duties of his Office, depute a member of the Council, preferably the Scribe, to act in his stead.

He shall hold the original manuscripts of the Books of Ritual, and shall attend to it that no formal ceremonies are used by Thingsfolk except those set forth in these documents.

He shall, when necessary, authorise the Tallykeeper to make disbursements on behalf of the Thing, and, in collaboration with the Scribe, shall conduct the annual examination of the Tally Record.

At the termination of his period of Office the Headman shall deliver to his lawful successor all documents, materials, and informations pertaining to the Office.

He shall control the proceedings of the Motes of the Thing, and shall act as Chief Celebrant in the Mote Ceremonies.

He shall make an annual report to the Kin Council on the general condition and progress of the Thing.

### (iii) THE COUNCIL

The Council shall consist of the following Office Bearers:-

1. The Scribe
2. The Ritesmaster
3. The Campswarden
4. The Tallykeeper

The members of the Council shall be elected annually at the Mote of Elections.

Any Thingsman over eighteen years of age of either sex shall be eligible for election to these Offices.

Nominations of the office of Scribe shall be subject to the approval of the Kinsman who is elected Headman.

The members of the Council shall each be responsible to the Thingsfolk, through the Headman, for the work of their several Offices. Responsibility for the efficiency of an Office shall be limited to the Kinsman holding it, and not common to all the members of the Council. If at any time the affairs of an Office are found to be in an unsatisfactory state, the Thingsfolk in Mote assembled shall hold an enquiry



into the matter, and should they deem it necessary, shall depose the Office Bearer implicated and appoint another eligible Thingsman in his place.

The members of the Council shall be Mote Celebrants, and shall perform in the Mote Ceremonies the parts allocated to them in the Books of Ritual.

At the conclusion of his term of Office an Office Bearer shall hand to his regularly appointed successor all papers, materials, and informations appertaining to the Office.

(iv) THE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCRIBE

The Scribe shall carefully preserve and keep in a state of constant revision, a Roll whereon shall be inscribed the Woodcraft, Christian and Surnames, and also the addresses of all Kinsfolk resident in, or attached by Special Dispensation to, The Thing.

On the mandate of the Headman, the Scribe shall give all Thingsfolk fourteen days notice of the holding of an Assembly and/or of a Mote to all Thingsfolk eligible to attend.

He shall attend all Motes, and make a full record of all matters that transpire thereat. At each Mote he shall read aloud to the assembled Thingsfolk the Record of the last previous Mote of the Thing.

He shall keep written up to date a short history of the Thing, called "The Chronicles of \_\_\_\_\_ thing".

He shall have authority to deal with all general correspondence relating to the Thing, but shall not engage in correspondence of a special nature without consulting the Headman.

He shall keep filed in good order all papers and documents relating to his Office.

(v) THE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE RITESMASTER

The Ritesmaster shall organise the ceremonies and shall have custody of the ceremonial robes and gear of the Thing.

(vi) THE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE TALLYKEEPER

The Tallykeeper shall collect and keep all monies due to the Thing.

At the Mote of Elections he shall collect the annual dues from each Kinsman. Half the amount of the dues shall be



remitted to the Chief Tallykeeper and the other half retained in the coffers of the Thing.

Prior to the Al-Thing and at Easter a list of any Thingsfolk whose dues are in arrears shall be forwarded to the Chief Tallykeeper.

He shall keep a careful record of the finances of the Thing, and be prepared, at any time, to disclose the state of the Tally to the members of the Thing.

He shall, annually, one month before the Mote of Elections, submit his Tally Record to the Headman and the Scribe in order that they may examine it jointly, and on its having been agreed he shall, subsequently, at the Mote of Elections, make a disclosure of the Tally Record to the assembled Thingsfolk.

He shall make disbursements on behalf of the Thing only on the authority of the Headman.

#### (vii) THE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CAMPSWARDEN

The Campswarden shall be in entire charge of all the Thing Camps. (He shall in no wise be concerned in, nor responsible for, the conduct of the private camps of individual Thingsmen).

He shall compile and keep revised a list of all sites whereat members of the Thing may encamp, and have full particulars of the wood and water supplied, and also of the accommodation of each of these sites.

On receipt of a notice from the Headman intimating that a Camp Assembly of the Thing is to be held at a certain site, for a specified number of days, he shall take whatever steps are necessary to ensure the appointed place being properly prepared to receive the Thingsfolk, and, if possible, shall himself be in the Camp the day previous to the commencement of the Assembly. He shall attend the Thingsfolk on their arrival, indicate to them the manner in which their tents and cooking fires are to be disposed, inform them where wood and water may be obtained, and acquaint them with the sanitary arrangements of the Camp. He shall erect a notice-board in the Camp whereon notices of each day's arrangements may be displayed, and he shall also, on certain occasions, go through the Camp as a Herald, proclaiming any special information. On the occasion of a visit of Kinsmen not of the Thing, or other Visitors, to the Camp, he shall receive them and offer the hospitality of the Thingsfolk. He shall be responsible for the good conduct of all people in the Camp,



and shall attend to it that after a certain hour at night there shall be no undue noise in the Camp. At the termination of a Camp Assembly, he shall, if possible, be the last to leave and shall see to it that the site is left in a clean and tidy state.

The Campwarden shall be the guardian of the Thing Totem, and shall see that it is set up, together with the Mark of the Kindred, in all Thing Camps.

He shall have charge of all camping gear that may be the property of the Thing, and see that it is kept in good order when not in actual use.

He shall be an expert campcraftsman, and hold himself ready, at all times, to give advice on, and instruction in, the art of camping. He shall acquaint himself with the literature of the subject.

## 7. COSTUME

The Traditional Costume of Kibbo Kift shall be worn by Thingsfolk when attending the Camps, Assemblies, and Motes of the Thing.

Exemption from wearing the costume shall be granted to a Thingman for a period of three months after his admission to the Kindred.

Unless a sufficient excuse is forthcoming, any member arriving at a function of the Thing, not clad in the prescribed costume, shall be refused admission thereto.



ANNEX IIITHE KIBBO KIFT KINDRED.

DECLARATION OF MEMBERSHIP to be written out and signed by  
Candidates under 18 years of age.

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Sun Moon, 19 K.K.

I, \_\_\_\_\_

wish to be Kibbo Kift and to:-

1. CAMP OUT AND KEEP FIT
2. HELP OTHERS
3. LEARN A USEFUL HANDICRAFT, AND
4. WORK FOR WORLD PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age last Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: Kinsman \_\_\_\_\_

(Covt. No. )

NOTE:

Children under 14 must join a Clan and hand this declaration to the Clan or Tribal Chief.

Young people between 14 and 18 may

- (a) join a Clan in the same way, or
- (b) if living in or near a Thing send the declaration to the Local Headman.
- (c) if not, send the declaration to the Chief Scribe of the Kindred.



# A N N E X    IV

## THING, LODGE, TRIBE, CLAN, ROOF-TREE.

Kinsfolk must have their organization in any of the above units attested by Charter from the Kin Council to the following effect:-

"By this decretal script be it known that the \_\_\_\_\_  
has, this day, been registered as a duly constituted section  
of the Kibbo Kift Kindred, and is authorized to operate, as  
such, until the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

The Sigil of the Kin Council.

Charter No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signed): \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Scribe  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ (on behalf of the Kin Council)".

Application for a Charter to form a Thing, Lodge, Tribe or Clan must be accompanied by the following information:-

- (a) Name of proposed unit.
- (b) Name of Leader and other officers (if any).
- (c) Name and address of Thingstead or Meeting place indoors and outdoors.
- (d) Totemic sign (drawing in colour, and explanation of sign).
- (e) Amount of subscription.
- (f) Names and Number of Members.

In the case of a Thing the number of members living within the boundaries need only be given.

Names of Kinsfolk having special dispensations must be given.

A Clan forming part of a Tribe is covered by the Tribal Charter and does not require a separate Charter.

Prior to Easter in every year the above information must be sent in afresh to the Chief Scribe together with a brief report on the activities of the group during the year. On failure to furnish these particulars the Kin Council may ceremonially revoke the Charter of the unit at the Al-Thing.



## AMENDMENTS TO KINLAW

Submitted by the Kincouncil and approved by the Kindred  
in Mote assembled at Al-Thing IX, Whitsun 1928.

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(I) As at present.

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will be urged).

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economic reconstruction.

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the practical application of Clause (III), since  
commercial and political relationships can then  
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In this connection we recommend a revised system  
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elementary facts of economic developments.

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the foregoing proposals.

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Page 3  
Section 3  
Admission of  
Kinsfolk  
Paragraph 1

To read as follows:-

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living outside a Thing shall fill in and sign the form  
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- Page 5 The Kindred shall be governed in accordance with the  
 Section 7 Kinlaw by the Kincouncil which shall consist of the  
 The Head Man following:-  
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1. The Head Man
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- Page 6 Substitute:-  
 Paragraphs 14 & 15
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    - (b) The date of issue.
    - (c) The period for which the Mandate is valid.
    - (d) A clear statement of the duties covered by the Mandate.
    - (e) A note of any financial or other responsibility accepted by the Kindred or Thing as a whole in connection with the execution of the Mandate.
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  - 3.-The responsibility for the final and satisfactory completion of the obligations covered by a Mandate shall be borne by the Kinsman under whose authority such Mandate is issued.



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BATWING.

Page 7/8  
Section 10  
Dues

Paragraph 2 (last line)  
For "Kinsman" read "Thingsman"

Page 8  
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Broadsheet

Delete "each month" and substitute "as and when published"

Page 8  
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Pages 9 & 10  
Annex 1

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14. Have you read "The Confession of the Kibbo Kift"?

Page 11

Delete the words "Witnessed by Kinsman (Grade III)  
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Page 13  
(ii) Motes

Paragraph 6 should read Article 4 (ii)



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Section 5  
Paragraph 4

Section 6 For "miner" read "minor"  
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Section (iii) Office Bearers:-  
Paragraph 1

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2. The Tallykeeper
3. The Campswarden
4. The Ritesmaster

Page 16  
Section (vi) Paragraph 1. Delete  
Paragraph 2. To read:-  
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Paragraph 2

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Page 11

Delete the words "Witnessed by Kinsman (Grade 11), Covenant No"

Page 13  
(11) Notes

Paragraph 6 should read Article 4 (11)

Page 14  
Section 5  
Paragraph 4

For "approval Books" read "Approved Books"

Section 6  
Paragraph 5

For "miner" read "minor"

Page 15  
Section (iii)  
Paragraph 1

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4. The Ritesmaster

Page 16  
Section (vi)

Paragraph 1. Delete

Paragraph 2. To read:-

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## REPORT.

Date.

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Page 6  
Paragraphs  
14 & 15

Substitute decree of Kinncouncil issued under Head Statelpen and published in the January 1928, issue of the Broadsheet.

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REPORT.

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5. The ceremonies  
of the Thing.  
Paragraph 4.

For "approval Books" read "Approved Books"

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6. The  
Administration  
of the Thing.  
Paragraph 5.

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